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THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Wednesday, 14th March 1956.

The House met in the Assembly Chamber, Government Estate, Mount Road, at nine of the clock, Mr. Speaker (THE HON. SRI N. GOPALA MENON) in the Chair.

I.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

Maternity and Child Welfare Centres in Malabar district

* 42 *Short notice question*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) with reference to item No. 237 on page 143 of the Budget Memorandum whether this Government have any proposal to start Maternity and Child Welfare Centres in Kamkol, Perimgom and Eramam amsams in Chirakkal taluk, North Malabar; and

(*b*) if so, when these centres will be opened?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY : (*a*) & (*b*) The Government propose to start 120 Maternity and Child Welfare Centres during 1956–57. No decision has yet been taken as to the places at which these centres are to be located.

SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Sir, are the Government aware of the fact that last year out of the funds provided by the Central Government, it was decided to open Maternity and Child Welfare Centres in these three amsams in Chirakkal firka, and then the proposal was dropped? Will the Government be pleased to consider the question sympathetically and see that Maternity and Child Welfare Centres are opened in these three amsams?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY : Sir, 26 centres were to be opened in backward regions, and out of these two were given to Malabar. Out of the 600 centres to be opened in the next Five-Year Plan period, Malabar will get a large share.

SRI K. KUNHI MOHAMED SHAFEE : May I know, Sir, how many of these centres to be opened in Malabar will go to South Malabar, which is very backward in the matter of medical relief?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY : The centres are proposed to be located in rural areas. South and North Malabar will get their proper shares.

SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Are the Government aware, Sir, that Kamkol, Perimgom and Eramam amsams are interior places and no medical facilities are available there, and also that the people there are suffering for want of Maternity and Child Welfare

Centres? Will the Government be pleased to consider this aspect of the question when they decide upon the places at which these centres are to be located?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY: Yes, Sir.

Malayalee teachers

* 3398 *Q.*—

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. Member Sri V. R. Krishna Ayyar is not in his seat. The question and answer will be printed in the proceedings.

SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state whether the Director of Public Instruction, Madras, has issued any instructions to all the Government educational institutions in Tamil districts to terminate the services of all Malayalee teachers who have not been confirmed in their posts?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: No, Sir.

Government Agricultural College, Coimbatore

* 3399 *Q.*—SRI K. KUNHI MOHAMED SHAFEE: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state —

(*a*) whether it is a fact that in 1955 the candidates for admission to the Government Agricultural College, Coimbatore, were interviewed at Madras; and

(*b*) if so, the reasons for changing the place for interview from Coimbatore to Madras?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: (*a*) The answer is in the affirmative.

(*b*) No change in the venue for the interview has been made as alleged. The interviews were held only at Madras even in the previous year.

SRI K. KUNHI MOHAMED SHAFEE: May I know, Sir, whether the practice was to hold the interviews in the Agricultural College, Coimbatore, up to the year 1955? May I also know why this change was made and whether the Government have received any complaint regarding the change of venue for these interviews?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: After the partition of the State, the Government considered whether it was necessary to have the venue in two centres. It was pointed out that candidates who came for interview seeking admission to this college might also have applied for admission to other colleges and, therefore, invariably they might prefer to come to Madras for interview. It was also considered that one centre would be the most convenient from all points of view. Therefore, this change of venue was made even last year.